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**Walking Tall with Walker, “Law Enforcement with Integrity”**

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# CONSTABLE MAY WALKER’S PRECINCT 7 NEWSLETTER

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## From the desk of Constable May Walker

Summer is upon us and as a parent/grandparent you’re probably looking for inexpensive ways to entertain your children/grandchildren during the summer months. The **Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.)** summer program is for children between the ages of 11-13. The goals of the summer program are to curb gang activity, provide life skills, learning activities and a healthy self-image in a safe fun-filled environment; a wholesome lunch is also provided. This year, I have extended the summer program to seven weeks, from June 5th through July 21st.

### *G.R.E.A.T. Summer Program 2006 Locations*

1. Boys & Girls Club, 5950 Selinsky, 713-991-5083 (Ms. Bates)
2. Cuney Homes, 3260 Truxillo ST.  
(Ms. DeBoest)
3. Boys & Girls Club, Post Oak @ Hobby, 832-875-5719 (Ms. Bledsoe)
4. SHAPE Center, 3815 Live Oak, 713-521-0641 (Mr. Parker)

I must commend Sergeant Ray Hughes, and his staff for an excellent job in helping to put this wonderful program before the eyes of the nation. Precinct 7’s **G.R.E.A.T.** program was chosen by the **Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance** as one of seven sites selected in the United States for its uniqueness and innovativeness; it was the only **G.R.E.A.T.** program chosen in Texas. Also **The Navy Community Service Program, Campaign Drug Free** recently formed the first-ever partnership with Precinct 7’s program. I am really proud of Precinct 7’s G.R.E.A.T. Division (*see photo on next page*).



**Photo of Deputy J. Strickland, Sgt R. Hughes,  
and G.R.E.A.T. participants**

## **Operation Safe Last Day**

*Ministers Supporting Precinct 7* walked the halls of five **HISD** high schools on the last day of school. Rev. Paul Giddings, president and spokesman for the group says, *“The Ministers Supporting Precinct 7, with the cooperation of HISD wanted to help students end school on a pleasant note.”* Ministers patrolled five Precinct 7 high schools Jones, Sterling, Madison, Yates and Worthing and Dick Dowling Middle School.



*3rd from left:* Warner Ervin, HISD South Regional Supt.; Bishop Floyd Lewis; Constable Walker; Sergeant A.F. Collard, HPD Southeast Patrol Division; Rev. Paul Giddings, Chairman Minister Supporting Pct. 7; Goree Anderson, Pct. 7 Chief Deputy; and the Ministers of Pct. 7

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## **School Daze**



Precinct 7's *Law Enforcement Scholarship* winners are preparing for their second year on a university campus. Was the first year hard and did they have fun? These questions were put to scholarship winners Melissa Lopez and Chase Williams. Read what they had to say about university life.

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Harris County Constables, Precinct 7,  
Criminal Justice Scholarship Recipient



**Melissa Lopez**  
Sam Houston State University

My freshman year at Sam Houston State University has been an adventure. Living on campus has given me the opportunity to meet new people and take advantage of the student activities. I loved the classes and the professors. I studied hard enough and got through my 1st semester with a 3.4 GPA. I am grateful to God that I got the opportunity to further my education. Without the help of Mrs. Walker, Precinct 7 and scholarship supporters it would have been almost impossible to be where I am now. Thank you all and I promise I will not let you down.



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**Chase E. Williams**  
**Lamar University**

My first year in college at Lamar University will be something I'll always remember. Living the college life is something everyone should experience. I thoroughly enjoy living on campus and meeting lots of new people. The first semester at Lamar University was easy; therefore I was able to adapt to college life (finding my classes, and checking out the campus). I am preparing for the upcoming fall semester, and looking forward to my second year in college.

## Health and Safety Expo

Our seniors are targets of con games and theft. Con artists will do almost anything to steal money and identities from vulnerable seniors. They most frequently use identity theft, foreign lottery scams, telemarketing, mail offers and let's not forget construction scams..

Precinct 7 is dedicated to empowering our seniors and keeping them safe from these predators. More than 300 seniors attended ***“Constable May Walker’s Senior Health and Safety Expo,”*** hosted by the ***Sunnyside Multi-Service Center and the YWCA Sunnyside Seniors.*** **Ms. Nancy Gresham, Outreach Coordinator for Consumer and Senior Issues, Office of the Attorney General and Ms. Candy Twyman, Executive Director, Better Business Bureau Education Foundation** did a fantastic job informing our seniors about **“Cons, Scams and Rip-offs.”** The fabulous **Tom Bass Line Dancers**, a graceful Tai Chi demonstration by Master Bodhi and SuCo of **The Culture of the Golden Heart Association** and an energetic demonstration by Ms. Hannah Hammelberg of the **Silver Sneakers (photo not included)** wowed the audience. Mrs. Hilion Anne Chambers lovingly prepared lunch for the seniors.

There were great door prizes and more than 32 health vendors gave out samples and valuable information. Precinct 7 is taking this opportunity to extend special thanks to all of our participants, vendors, donors and Expo committee members **De Ann Collins, Darryl Odom, Ella Hill, Denise Hinojosa and Christopher Guess.** Job well done! *(see photo on nest page)*



Photos: Pct. 7 Captain Armstrong, Guest speakers Nancy Greshman /Candy Twyman, Master Bodhi and Suco, Constable Walker/Dr. Edith Clark President of Sunnyside Advisory Council, Tom Bass Line Dancers

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## **Operation Midtown**

Operation Midtown is a special initiative designed by Precinct 7 to address major concerns voiced by the constituents of the *Midtown Management District*. Citizens of the area were deeply concerned about visible criminal activity, such as prostitution, narcotics and other illegal actions, which posed a serious threat to citizens. On two separate occasions, with significant law enforcement manpower, Precinct 7 targeted specific addresses and locations of suspected illegal activity. The operation yielded arrests in the areas of narcotics, public intoxication and solicitation of prostitution. In the coming months Precinct 7 will partner with the **Metro Police Department** in a continuing effort to make Midtown a safer place for its citizens.



## **Vacation and Summer Tips**

If you are planning on leaving town and if your *homeowner's association has a contract with Precinct 7*, call and notify **Precinct 7's Vacation Watch Program** at (713) 643-6602. I also strongly suggest you utilize these tips, when on vacation:

- Have a neighbor, friend or relative pick up your mail and newspaper daily. You can also stop U.S. mail delivery by going online.
- Place all cars in your garage or ask a neighbor or friend to change the car's positions every other day.
- Leave lights on in areas of your home by using a timing device.
- Leave an emergency number where you can be contacted with a friend, relative or neighbor.



A vacation should be a happy time for you and your family and following these simple suggestions should take some of the stress and worry out of the vacation equation.



## Railroad Safety

Precinct 7 joined forces with the *Union Pacific Railroad Police* for *Operation Care*, which is a crossing accident reduction enforcement program. The purpose of *Operation Care* ‘*is to educate the public about grade crossing and pedestrian safety to help end tragic collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad rights-of-way*’. This is how it works; a locomotive is sent down a track in an effort to apprehend motorists violating railroad-crossing laws. The most common violations are going around crossing arms, pulling in front of a train and stopping directly on railroad tracks. Please note you can be arrested for stopping in front of a train on railroad tracks. I know you are asking, “Who in their right mind would stop on railroad tracks when a train is coming?” Believe me it happens all too frequently. *Last year in Harris County there were 54 highway/rail incidents. So far in 2006, eight incidents have been reported.* During recent Precinct 7 enforcement efforts, 120 citations were issued to motorists, which included school and Metro buses stopping their vehicles on the tracks.



## Precinct 7 in D.C.

Recently, Harris County Constable Precinct 7’s Honor Guard members flew to Washington, D.C. for the *National Law Enforcement Officers’ Memorial and A Tribute to America’s Thin Blue Line Candlelight Vigil*. For the past 18 years law enforcement agencies from around the world have gathered in Washington to pay respect to fallen officers who have paid the ultimate price to serve and defend. Among those honored was Precinct 6 Deputy Constable Nehemiah Pickens, who died last year.



Photo 1: *Front Row:* Deputies J. Strickland, K. Newsome, L. Flanagan *Back Row:* Deputy A. Clopton, Sgt E. Jones and Deputies D. Rayford

Photo 2: London, England Bobbies with Deputies D. Rayford & L. Flanagan

## Saluda Law Enforcement

The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce, Wulfe & Co.-Gulfgate Center and the Greater East End Management District held their first annual ***“East End Saluda Law Enforcement”*** at Gulfgate Center. Precincts 6 and 7, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Port of Houston Authority, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), K-9 units and other law enforcement agencies were on hand for the salute. If you look closely, you’ll see Precinct 7 Deputy Keith Washington (he’s standing under the “O” in the word Enforcement).



## Super Neighborhood Salutes #46

Here is another story about the men and women who help and protect our community. **Preston Roe, President of Super Neighborhood #68 of Greater O.S.T./South Union** rolled out the red carpet for Fire Station #46. The community turned out to applaud the hard work of the men and women of Fire Station #46. Thanks for doing a great job!



(Constable Walker, Preston Roe, *(holding plaque)*, Fire Chief Phil Boriskie *(white shirt)* surrounded by the men of #46)

## Duties and Responsibilities

### **Sequestration**

The Constable’s office has the ultimate responsibility for serving all civil processes issued through the offices of Precinct 7 Justices of the Peace (Positions One and Two), county, district and federal courts. In this issue of the newsletter Sequestration will be highlighted:

**Sequestration** is the temporary seizure or setting aside of specific property to which a party to a suit has a claim of ownership. The object of **Sequestration** is to allow parties to protect and preserve their property during the suit. This order commands any sheriff, constable or their deputies to take the property into possession and to keep it safe until further orders.

## Precinct 7 Spotlight



## Deputy W. Marshall

Native Houstonian, Warrant Deputy W. Marshall always gets his man or woman. Once he is locked on his target, there is no turning back. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has recognized Deputy Marshall on several occasions for his successes in capturing some of the OAG's ***Ten Most Wanted*** repeat child support offenders. I tell you nothing stops Marshall; the man is cunning, shrewd and above all just plain smart. Marshall is in his 11th year of service with Precinct 7.

He specializes in child support cases; those cases where a parent is behind child support payments and the Harris County Family court system or the OAG has issued a warrant. It is estimated that during his career, Marshall has captured at least 5,000 offenders owing an estimated total of 2.5 million dollars in child support. It doesn't matter if the offender is living in Texas, Ohio, Arkansas or Georgia; Marshall has been known to track him/her down and utilize his vast network of resources to extradite him/her back to Harris County. It takes time, effort and lots of research to track down an offender; Marshall has to check and recheck and cross check addresses and leads. Sometimes it can take as long as six months to track down some offenders.

What is most impressive about Marshall is that for his first ten years with Precinct 7, he also worked full-time with the Social Security Administration. Now retired, Marshall can devote all of his time to his passion, which is tracking down parents who refuse to pay child support. This father of four (Keely, Roderick, Cassandra and Latoya ) strongly believes that he was meant for the job. Marshall says what pushes him to track down offenders is, "I see first hand how the delinquent parent lives versus the parent who is struggling to raise a child. The delinquent parent needs to step up to the plate and handle his/her responsibilities."

This bachelor easily clocks in 12-hour days, but he enjoys every minute of it. Constable Walker stresses, "Precinct 7 is proud of Warrant Deputy W. Marshall. Thank you Deputy Marshall for your love of work, your tenacity and dedication. Your commitment to duty is truly inspiring."

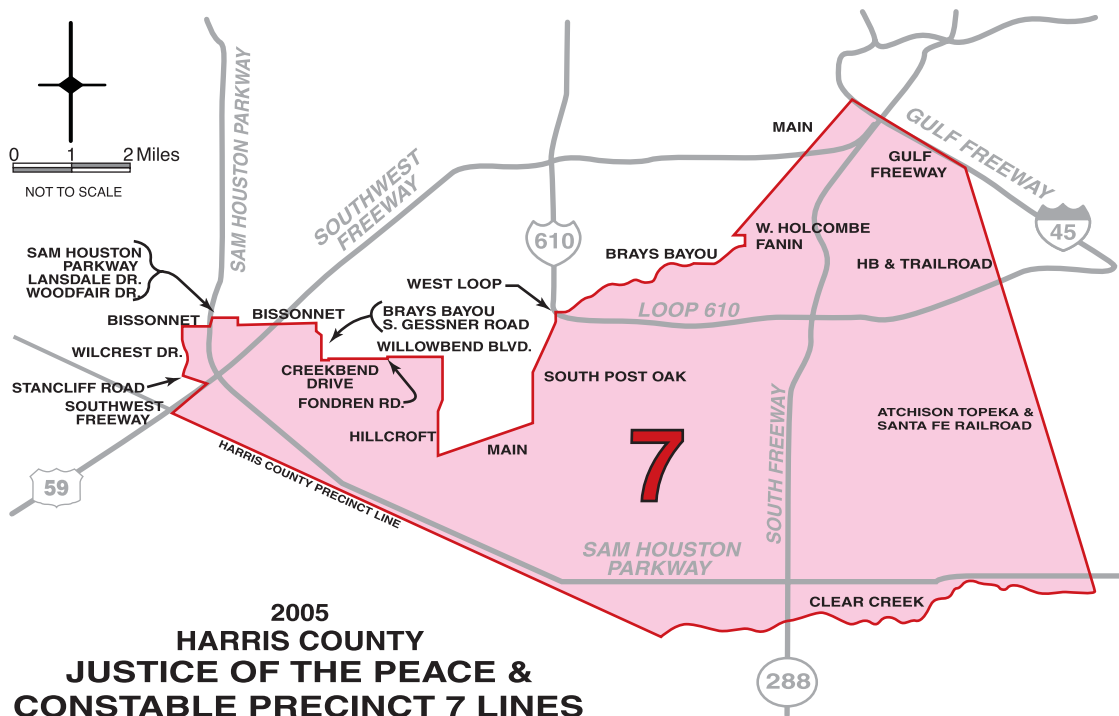
***"The tougher the job, the greater the reward."*** (Author: George Allen)

## Important Precinct 7 Events

- Constable Walker's ***Community Forum/A Community Update*** is scheduled for September 23rd, details forthcoming.
- Start practicing your swing for the second annual ***Constable May Walker Law Enforcement Scholarship Golf Tournament***, November 4th, Wild Cat Country Club.



***Until Next Issue...***



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